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1. THE SENATE ON JULY 28 REJECTED SENATOR MANSFIELD'S
RESOLUTION, TO DISAPPROVE THE DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION
PROJECT, DY A VOTE OF 43-53. THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD
OF A DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION BEING ADOITED BY THE HOUSE --
NONE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED -- BEFORE THE 60-DAY REVIEW
PERIOD EXPIRES ON AUGUST 1 AND CONGRESS RECESSES.

2. HEREOF, THE WAY WILL VERY SHORTLY BE CLEAR FOR THE OBLIGATION OF DOLS. 18.1 MILLION IN MILCON FUNDS -- THE FIRST PHASE -- TO BEGIN THE EXPANSION CONSTRUCTION. WORK WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE US-UK AGREEMENT COVERING THE NEW FACILITY, NOW AGREED AD REFERENDUM, IS SIGNED; WE EXPECT SIGNATURE SHORTLY.

3. IN SEPARATE BUT RELATED ACTION, THE HOUSE YESTERDAY

CONSIDERED THE FY-76 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION BILL THAT CONTAINS DOLS. 13.8 MILLION FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE DIEGO EXPANSION. BY VOICE VOTE, THE HOUSE DEFEATED A MOTION BY REP. LEGGETT TO DELETE THE DIEGO LINE ITEM. THE HOUSE THEN PROCEEDED TO PASS THE BILL WITH THE DIEGO ITEM INTACT BY A VOTE OF 369-47. (THE SENATE IN EARLY JUNE HAD PASSED A SIMILAR AUTHORIZATION BILL CONTAINING THE REQUESTED SECOND PHASE FUNDS, CONTINGENT UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE REVIEW PROCESS DESCRIBED IN PARA ONE ABOVE.)

4. THE MATTER OF POSSIBLE US-USSR TALKS ON INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS REMAINS A LIVE ISSUE WITH THE CONGRESS. LATE LAST WEEK, THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AGREED TO A KENNEDY-PELL-CRANSTON AMENDMENT TO THE FY-76/77 FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ("STATE OMNIBUS") BILL. THIS AMENDMENT EXPRESSES THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT "SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION INTENDED TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT LIMITING THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE NAVAL AND OTHER MILITARY FORCES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE U.S. IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND LITTORAL COUNTRIES...AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE...." A REPORTING REQUIREMENT MAY BE INCLUDED. THE AMENDED BILL HAS NOT YET COME TO THE SENATE FLOOR, NOR IS THERE A SIMILAR PROVISION IN THE HOUSE VERSION.

5. VARIANTS ON THIS THEME ARE ALSO EMBODIED IN RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY SENATORS JACKSON AND HUMPHREY ON JULY 28:

(A) JACKSON: S. RES. 224, "...THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS DIRECTED TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WITH A VIEW TO ADVANCING U.S. PROPOSALS FOR LIMITATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN/PERSIAN GULF AREA AFFECTING NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS, BASES, FACILITIES AND LAND - BASED AIR POWER" AND "...THAT THE PRESIDENT SHALL REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON THE STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED WITH THE SOVIET UNION PRIOR

TO THE SUBMISSION OF ANY FURTHER REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY
TO DEVELOP FURTHER AMERICAN FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA."

(B) HUMPHREY: S. RES. 225, "...THAT THE SENATE DECLARES
THAT ITS APPROVAL OF THE U.S. FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA
SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS CONSTITUTING APPROVAL OF
SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE
INDIAN OCEAN OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT U.S.
INDIAN OCEAN FLEET."

IN COLLOQUY, KENNEDY NOTED THE SIMILAR INTENTIONS OF HIS
AMENDMENT AND THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, AND EXPRESSED THE
HOPE THAT THE MATTER COULD BE BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR "VERY
QUICKLY." JACKSON AGREED, AND SAID HE WANTED TO GET
IT PASSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH WHICHEVER RESOLUTION
OR BILL COMES OUT FIRST." INGERSOLL

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